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The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold public meetings from November 18-22, 1996 at the Sheraton Atlantic Beach Resort, Salter Path Road, NC; telephone: (919) 240-1155 or (800) 624-8875.

Council's November Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 18

1:30 pm - 5:30 pm The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet to review the new Black Sea Bass and Amberjack Assessments, and to review the Snapper Grouper Amendment 8 Draft Public Hearing Document;

6:30 pm The Ad Hoc Golden Crab Appeals Committee will meet to review any appeals received regarding golden crab permit applications;

Tuesday, November 19

8:30 am - 12:00 pm; 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm The Controlled Access Committee will meet jointly with the Snapper Grouper Committee and the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel to review the Snapper Grouper Amendment 8 draft public hearing document;

Wednesday, November 20

8:30 am - 12:00 pm The Snapper Grouper Committee will meet to develop recommendations for Snapper Grouper Amendment 8 options to take to public hearing;

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm The Advisory Panel Selection Committee will meet in closed session to develop recommendations for appointment of advisory panel members;

2:30 pm - 5:30 pm The Shrimp Committee will meet jointly with the Ad Hoc Shrimp Bycatch Advisory Panel to review the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) analysis and develop the final bycatch reduction device (BRD) testing protocol, and to discuss council/NMFS/Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission coordination of BRD usage;

Thursday, November 21

8:30 am - 12 noon The Highly Migratory Species Committee will meet to review the NMFS Shark Proposed Rule and Amendment 1 to the Shark Fishery management Plan, and to discuss state and federal cooperation in closing shark pupping areas;

1:30 pm - 6:00 pm The full council will convene to hear the committee reports. At 3:00 pm the council will take public comment before reconsidering the spiny lobster control date, and at 3:45 pm the council will take public comment on Snapper Grouper Amendment 8 before approving the amendment for public hearing;

Friday, November 22

8:30 am - 12:30 pm The full council will convene to hear agency and liaison reports, appoint advisory panel members, and discuss other business.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend South Atlantic Fishery Management Council meetings.

All meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office.